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Hongkong, 19th February, 1892. [8

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23rd February, 1892. [240

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WOO LIN YUEN,
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [149

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1278

Intimations.

WANTED.

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Hongkong, 5th May, 1892 [494

SPECIAL NOTICE.

TERMINATION OF LEASE.

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THE HONGKONG TRADING CO.,
20, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1892. [492

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Forms of application for the NEW ISSUE can be obtained at the COMPANY'S OFFICES over the Hongkong Dispensary or at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

By Order,
A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1892 [405

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TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1892. [488

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GODOWNS or OFFICES, First Floor at back of "MARINE HOUSE."
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Hongkong, 4th May, 1892. [487

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 64, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES.
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LAI HING & Co.,
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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [454

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F. A. HAZELAND,
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Colonial Court of Admiralty of Hongkong.
5th May, 1892. [493

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1892. [450

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A. F. DO ROZARIO,
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Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1182

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1892. [480

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"STRATHLEVEN,"

Captain Cormack, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 12th inst.

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Hongkong, 4th May, 1892. [490

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1892. [496

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Hongkong, 7th May, 1892. [4 7

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Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 18th May.

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Hongkong, 26th April, 1892. [397

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C C	Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.10
D	Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule	12	1.10
E	Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (*Old Bottled*)	14	1.25

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C	John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1892.

THE OPIUM FARM FIASCO.

In view of the very serious loss the colony has sustained in the new Opium Farm contract through the gross blundering, if nothing worse, of the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. MITCHELL-INNES), who was backed up through thick and thin by the other raw recruits of the official autocracy, the following observations which appeared in the *Hongkong Telegraph* of November 4th, will bear reproduction, and will afford Governor Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON some information which may prove useful in the near future:—

Major-General Barker has bound his colours, his reputation as a practical politician and as an almost autocratic Administrator of this important British colony, to an Opium Ordinance, the crudest piece of legislation we have ever seen, a disgrace alike to its framers and supporters. But that is not all; his Excellency, assisted by an official phalanx composed of five persons who know very little more of Hongkong's political and commercial requirements than an ordinary member of the intelligent Chinese coolie class, has ruthlessly trampled on the inherent and recognised rights of the Hongkong ratepayers, by rudely treating their representatives in Council, ignoring their experienced opinions and advice, and offensively voting them down time after time on questions which are purely of a local character and have little or nothing to do with any Imperial or official policy.

What are the special functions of the unofficial members of the Hongkong Legislative Council? Are they not to advise and instruct the Executive in local matters generally, and more especially on commercial and fiscal questions? Are they not to protect the interests of the public against official incompetency, ignorance and aggression? If not, the Unofficials are an utterly useless body and ought to be at once abolished. But if our definition of their *raison d'être* is substantially correct, then the Unofficial Members, and through them the entire Hongkong community, have been treated with contumely and disrespect by their own paid servants. This latest *Opium Ordinance* is purely a fiscal question and, outside the three unofficials, there is not one of these so-called legislators who knows what the bill they have forced through the Council with such indecent haste and such unnecessary virulence, actually means, or what results it can be relied on to produce. On this assertion we challenge contradiction, and are prepared to maintain our assertion by figures and arguments so plain that probably even the Colonial Treasurer and the other official gentlemen would succeed in comprehending. The new *Opium Ordinance* was opposed by the whole of the unofficial members, it is offensive to the public at large, and its being forced through the Council under such circumstances by an official majority—most of whom know absolutely nothing of its intended scope or probable effects—, is an outrage which ought not to be tamely submitted to. We sympathise with the Administrator, who is most unhappy in having such inexperienced and injudicious advisers; but our interests are the interests of the community, and we trust that our representatives, Messrs. Ryrie, Whitehead, and Ho Kai, will at once call a public meeting to indignantly protest both against the *Opium Ordinance* and the arbitrary, one-sided, unfair and unconstitutional manner in which it has been made one of the laws of this colony.

The foregoing protest, like the protests of the unofficial members in Council, was disregarded by the Administrator, who was a mere tool in the hands of a scheming coterie of short-sighted and shallow-brained nonentities who had ends to serve, and who served those ends, as results plainly show, at the expense of the Hongkong rate-payers. The *Opium Ordinance* was passed in spite of the opposition of the representatives of the public, and it was made a law of this colony on the strength of statements that were erroneous and under pretences that have been proved to be—untrustworthy. It is a very fair inference, in fact the only reasonable inference which can be drawn from the proceedings, that the Officer Administering the Government was induced to turn a deaf ear to the arguments and remonstrances of the unofficial members, and to coincide with and support to the full extent of his authority the crude legislative experiments of the Colonial Treasurer, on the strength of promises given by that gifted statesman to the effect that great improvements to the colony's advantage would in many ways be the outcome of the new bill, and that the revenue from the Opium Farm would be substantially increased during the new lease to the tune of about $38,400 per annum. On what grounds this increased estimate was based, considering the Colonial Treasurer and his colleagues were only too well aware that the then Opium Farmer had not only lost heavily by his contract but was under considerable financial obligations to the Government for unpaid rent, and that the proposed ordinance reduced the quantity of opium to be dealt with from 300 to 150 chests per month, in addition to other harassing and altogether unnecessary restrictions, we have never been able to fathom and we have looked carefully through the speeches delivered in Council in favor of the Opium Bill by its official sponsors without discovering a single ray of light. But we have discovered that this reckless official fad has cost the colony a by no means insignificant proportion of its total revenue through the inexcusable bungling of the Colonial Treasurer, who at the time this *Opium Ordinance* was being forced through the Council was actually intriguing in the most underhand fashion with the Opium Farmer, for whose benefit he tried to make out the new law had been specially drafted. And unhappily we have it on the authority of Governor Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON himself that the deficit on Mr. MITCHELL-INNES' estimate of the opium revenue for the current year alone amounts to the huge sum of $114,000, and in addition to that, the returns from the Farm for 1893 and 1894 will only total $340,800. Further comment on muddling of this sort would only be waste of time; in any mercantile business the employé whose incompetency was so glaring and had proved so costly, would be summarily dismissed, but the Colonial Treasurer of Hongkong cheerfully takes a trip to England on a specially conceded lengthy leave of absence on half-pay, in addition to the vacation leave to which he was entitled by the rules of the Service. A series of scandals of a similar description has given currency to the saying that Hongkong is not 'run' in the interests of its inhabitants nor to the advantage of the Government, but chiefly for the benefit of an army of officials, whose dull mediocrity is their most conspicuous feature and who are apparently in the belief that the colony was purposely designed for their own exclusive happy hunting ground.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXTRAVAGANCE.

"IT is perhaps a little unfortunate that a motion with a view to retrenchment brought forward by an unofficial member so early in the course of this Administration should have to be met with a distinct negative on the part of the Government." So said Mr. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary in the Hongkong Legislative Council yesterday, and so, or very much more so, says everybody who reads the gentleman's reasons for such a course; but it is "unfortunate" in a different sense from that in which he meant it. It is very regrettable that H.E. the Governor and his Secretary, new to the Colony, but otherwise more able men than Hongkong usually has in its Government, should so hastily elect to override and disdainfully disregard the carefully considered and moderately expressed views of two leading residents, of long experience in the Colony, backed by the unanimous voice of the people whose experience and labour keep the Colony alive. It is very unfortunate.

Mr. O'BRIEN's speech is a long disguise of a very short opinion—that Mr. WHITEHEAD is wrong in his figures. The Colonial Secretary, speaking of course for His Excellency, doubts—or rather positively denies—that the revenue is going down fast, that the expenses of administration have become greater than the Colony can afford, that they are still growing, and that a Commission would be able to find remedies for this disproportion or to show how the Colony is to live within its means. Further, His Excellency has made up his mind to have a loan, and if the Colony does not like it, then the Colony may do the other thing. The gauntlet is thrown down, and the fight will begin early—the earlier the better. Of course, nothing was meant by the remarks of Mr. O'BRIEN about special commissions which fail to do any good, for if one fails, that does not concern another, and surely our two "new chums" from Ceylon and Trinidad will not try to claim better knowledge of Hongkong than people who have lived here for fifty years. Nor need we take much notice of his comparisons between Hongkong and other Colonial service salaries, nor his grotesque dismay at finding his salary not so high as it seemed. He is not the first to be disappointed in this way, by some thousands; but this colony is not concerned with what Ceylon pays its officials, but with what Hongkong is able to pay. Neither is it material that "His Excellency is for economy," and has already effected some savings; as it happens, he has begun at the wrong place entirely, and will soon find out his mistake in one matter at any rate. He will find that the Secretary of State will disallow one of his "savings." As to the pensions and leave privileges, what is desired is not to break faith where contracts are already made, but to make better terms for future contracts; and it is surprising to find a man of Mr. O'BRIEN's sense talking such twaddle as he did on this point. In regard to the loan, that is a heavy order, and we hope to deal with it separately before long; but it is sufficiently apparent from what has transpired in this matter that Sir W. ROBINSON and Mr. O'BRIEN are good statesmen indeed, but wofully ignorant (naturally they must be as yet) of Hongkong affairs. When they are a little older they will know more.

But the most serious and regrettable feature of yesterday's debate was the Kaiser-like determination of Sir W. ROBINSON to have his own way in spite of everybody. Our own opinion had been that he would disguise his autocratic will more, and try to maintain the plausible force of "being advised" by the Unofficial Members. Now he has put his foot down. He—that is, his spokesman—loftily sets aside Mr. WHITEHEAD's carefully compiled and indisputable statistics, which could not be met; he contemptuously ignored them, and optimistically designed fiscal castles in the air, *à la* MITCHELL-INNES, which will inevitably come down as disastrously as did those of the absent Colonial Treasurer. The pity of it is that these collapses overwhelm only the poor taxpayer, without hurting the fools who caused them. Mr. O'BRIEN, in over-weening confidence of his little newly acquired local knowledge, pointed to the note circulation of the local banks; did it never occur to him that this is mostly in China, and hardly half of it in this Colony? But it is useless to point out the many absurdities shown by this speech of a man who has hardly had time to hang up his hat in his new office. The Commission was refused, the loan will be enforced—that is the naked truth about the policy of the new Government, and in spite of all warnings, it will be carried out. Then disaster will fall—on whom? Well, never mind on whom, it will not affect the Officials, and, therefore the course will not be altered by any argument. The Governor has put his foot down; he will get it badly crushed.

TELEGRAMS.

ANARCHIST NEWSPAPER PROSECUTION.

LONDON, May 7th.

The publisher of the *Commonweal* has been acquitted, and the editor sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

PAUPER IMMIGRATION.

The Government is anxiously considering the question of passing a law to enable the authorities to exercise control over the influx of destitute aliens into Great Britain.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HARMSTON'S Circus has been doing wonderful business in Shanghai, playing to a crowded tent nightly.

THE *Zambesi* brought over from Canada several head of very fine cattle for Mr. J. Kennedy and the Dairy Farm Co.

THE China Mutual Co.'s steamship *Moyune* left Shanghai on the 6th inst. for Hankow, being the first tea steamer to go up the Yangtsze this season.

THE Hon. Frank L. Coombs, the new United States Minister to Japan, had arranged to leave San Francisco to-day for Yokohama, *en route* to Tokyo.

H.M.S. *Archer* sailed for Hankow this morning and was followed through the Ly-ee-moon Pass by the *Imperieuse* bound for Japan and the *Alacrity*, which will call at Shanghai *en route* to Japan *via* Port Hamilton.

ANY one reading Dr Doberck's weather bulletin to-day would naturally jump to the conclusion that it has been raining recently, for the learned scientist therein states positively that the weather is "warm and wet," to which we have only to add that the Doctor feels better to-day!

THE Chemulpo correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* reports that a Japanese police constable has been dismissed from the service, and ten Japanese coolies have been deported from Chemulpo by the Japanese Consular Court, for seriously maltreating some natives during a recent street brawl.

THE Coroner's inquiry into the murder of George Lemon, at Hongkew, Shanghai, on the 1st inst., terminated on the 5th, when the jury brought in the following verdict:—We find that George Lemon came to his death on May 1st, 1892, between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m., from a revolver shot fired by James A. Frame, deputy Marshal of the United States consulate at Shanghai.

A DESPERATE stabbing affray occurred in Rozario Street, Tai-ping-shan, last night. Three Chinamen had a row, probably over ten cents, and one of them drew a large, keen dagger and stabbed the other two in a ferocious manner. One of them is now in the hospital, with deep slashes in the back, but is not in any danger. It is supposed that the dispute was a secret society business, and a large crowd was present. Nine men have been arrested, but not *the* man.

TWENTY-THREE denizens of the "Taikoo" colony at Quarry Bay were haled up before the Magistrate yesterday and charged with indulging in an innocent game of *pakkau*, using as stakes six-cent checks stamped by the compradore of the Taikoo Refinery—which were produced in court. Inspector Gauld proved the case and the result was that fines ranging from $25, for the manager, to $3, for the weakest of the sinners, were imposed. The police will cash the checks seized.

AT the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. Wodehouse, T. G. Keane, chief officer of the *Mamnon*, was committed for trial on the charge of shooting a Chinese fireman on that vessel in Sandakan harbour. Bail $1,000. His Worship was evidently acting under instructions, for the *Daily Press* this morning says "it is expected that the case will be concluded *(sic)* by the committal of the defendant for trial." What supreme contempt of Court? And what a pity that did not appear in the *Telegraph!*

AT the Magistracy to-day a piratical-looking coolie was convicted of stabbing a Chinese woman with a knife. Mr. Hastings, who must be a sarcastic genius, sentenced the coolie to a fine of $200, or four months imprisonment.

JAPANESE vernacular papers assert that the representative of a Yokohama firm has offered to lend the Corean Government 2,000,000 yen. Assuming this to be true, we wonder what *quid pro quo* the Yokohama firm requires for the accommodation.

THE manager of the Sunlight Gold Mining Co., West Hillgrove, New South Wales, advises us for the information of shareholders resident in Hongkong that for the fortnight ended April 8th, 420 tons of ore were crushed, yielding 333 oz. 16 dwts., showing an average per ton of 15 dwt. 20 grs.

WE have to thank Mr. Holloway, the local Agent of the Canadian Pacific Co., for an admirably got-up map of the World, which very clearly defines the Canadian-Pacific route. This handy little map has the North Pole in its centre, and gives a better idea of a trip round the world than anything of the kind we have yet come across.

THE steamship *Diamante*, lately sold by the China and Manila Co. to Mr. Hamanaka, of Ishikawa-ken, Japan, was by latest advices being overhauled at the Osaka Iron Works. Capt. Gerard, who took the *Diamante* up to Kobe to deliver her over to the Japanese purchaser, returned to Hongkong yesterday, having completed his mission successfully.

THE *Kwong Mo* is now making the run to Macao in the very good time of 3½ hours every day, under her new chief engineer, Mr. Arnold. As anticipated, on Sunday a large number of saloon passengers went by this boat, and her return was delayed to suit their convenience, leaving Macao at 4.30 and arriving at West Point shortly after 8 p.m. The *Kwong Mo* is already popular with the Chinese, and is in a fair way to become a favourite with Europeans for Sunday trips.

WE are informed that the Portland liner *Zambesi* was arrested yesterday on a writ obtained in the Colonial Court of Admiralty by the New Oriental Bank, who hold a mortgage for $115,000 on the vessel. Surely with the large salvage prizes so recently earned by the admirable seamanship of Capt. Edwards, on the other side of the Pacific (the *Charles W. Wetmore* and the *Fannie Dutard* cases) there should be no difficulty in meeting this claim, irrespective of the capital at the disposal of her influential American and Japanese owners.

THUS "Uncle Moses" in *Truth* of April 7th:—"There have been considerable fluctuations in the shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, although they seem to have turned the corner for the moment. *But it cannot be said to reflect credit upon the management that a comprador should have been able to rob the Bank to such a tune.*" We wonder what this eminent authority on financial matters would say about "the management" of the Bank if he were acquainted with the actual position of affairs at the present time!

THE Chinkiang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes on the 2nd inst:—The weather this past week has been very changeable, and rain has fallen heavily. Notwithstanding, the Settlement has been crowded with Chinese "braves" awaiting the arrival of the Viceroy of Nanking, who is on his way from Yangchow, where he has been inspecting the forts and reviewing the troops of the place. His Excellency arrived this morning in the Chinese gun-boat *E-hsu*, escorted by a large flotilla of gun-boats, and landed at the China Merchants' Co. hulk *Express*, where he was received with the usual salutes due to his rank. He is to inspect the local fortifications and hold a review of the troops stationed here.

IN reference to the libel action threatened by Jardine, Matheson & Co. against the *Straits Independent*, the *Penang Gazette* says:—"We regret to observe that our local contemporary is threatened with a libel suit, in consequence of being too explicit in connection with the rumour as to a heavy loss stated to have been incurred by a Hongkong firm." In the hope that it may help to clear matters, we may state as "explicitly" as possible that in this colony it is positively asserted, and has never been denied, that Mr. J. J. Keswick, head of that firm in Hongkong, author of the "Share Gambling Ordinance" of 1891, and one of the Jockey Club Stewards who went to such extremes in the cause of "honour and morality" against Mr. Fraser-Smith, has been deeply involved in a wild syndicate gamble in the shares of the H. and S. Bank, of which institution he was a director; that he lost a very large amount, estimated at various figures between half a million and a million dollars, that nothing definite is known as to how far his losses affect the firm, if at all, that he has now been in Shanghai several weeks, for reasons best known to himself, and that his seat in the Legislative Council will probably be declared vacant if he does not return very soon. This is explicit enough, and we would like to see if any libel actions are to be taken in consequence.

HOME papers received by the last mail announce that Mr. J. Howard Gwyther has retired from the management of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and has been succeeded by Mr. Thomas Forrest, formerly inspector. Mr. Gwyther retains his connection with the Bank as managing director. It has been an open secret for some time in the Eastern world, remarks a London contemporary, that Mr. Gwyther was on the point of retiring from the arduous post he has filled for over twenty years with such conspicuous success. The management of the Chartered Bank has been noted for its prudence, and whilst of course it is impossible at times to conduct an Eastern banking business amidst the ever-varying vicissitudes of exchange fluctuations without making losses, it has maintained a steady dividend. For many years Mr. Gwyther has been looked on as the authority in the city on Eastern banking, and the qualities which deservedly earned him his respect have maintained the Chartered Bank in the high position it has always held. In the early stages of the troubles in Silver waters he took the precaution to keep the capital of the Bank written down to its sterling value, meeting the drop step by step, and not leaving it to be faced when some exceptionally good year might make such a scheme feasible. Mr. Gwyther—who was a bill-broker at Shanghai at the time—was about to proceed again to Shanghai in 1865, when he was offered the post of sub-manager of the Chartered Bank, and on the retirement of Mr. Ure Adam in 1870 he was appointed manager, a post which he has since held. Mr. Gwyther, for whom the smallest detail of his business was never too trivial, has long ingratiated himself with all Eastern merchants, while amongst the whole staff of the Bank he was looked on as a chief under whom it was a privilege to be doing service. The business of the Bank has trebled under his management, and the reserve fund is found in 1870 at £10,000 he leaves at £250,000. Mr. Gwyther, it may be noted, is a staunch bimetallist.

THE San Francisco *Commercial News* of April 14th says:—There was one case of small-pox on board the steamer *China* when she arrived from the Orient yesterday and she was placed in quarantine. She was fumigated and the cabin passengers will be allowed to land at daylight this morning. The *China* will lie in the straits until Saturday morning, when after her steerage passengers have been landed at the quarantine station on Angel Island, she will come to this side and dock. The Chinese who arrived on the *Gaelic* on the 1st inst. will be released from the quarantine station on Friday at 7 p.m.

IN the Admiralty Division on April 7th Mr. Justice Jeune delivered judgment in the case of a collision which occurred in October last in the Suez Canal between the P. & O. steamer *Britannia* and the *Knight of St. John*. On the part of the plaintiffs, the owners of the last-named vessel, it was alleged that the collision was caused by the too high rate of speed at which the *Britannia* was navigated, having regard to the position of the vessels, the *Knight of St John* being at the time moored in a siding. The learned judge held that both vessels were equally to blame for the collision.

THE Naval Court of Inquiry into the wreck of the *Sorachi Maru* has found as follows:—The Court is of opinion that the master trusted too implicitly to the pilot Obashi Masakichi, who he knew was unlicensed; also, the chief officer did not properly attend to his duty, having neglected to call the master when he found that the pilot was attempting to take a narrow passage, out of the usual track. However, taking into consideration the fact that they both appear to have had full confidence in Obashi, who possessed good testimonials from some of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha' captains and had been engaged by the Company's Agent, the Court cautions the master, Alfred George Spire, and the chief officer, Kanji, to be more careful in future and recommends that their certificates be returned.

THE further hearing of the Penang Chinese matrimonial suit, in which Ooi Jee Hoon, otherwise known as J. H. Wong, claimed from Ng Pak San the sum of $10,000 damages for seducing his wife, was concluded on the 27th ult. The evidence during the trial being of a highly sensational character, there was a large crowd in the Court on both days. On the conclusion of the evidence, and after hearing counsel, the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Wood, remarked that there were contradictions in the evidence on both sides but, in his opinion, the balance of testimony was in favor of the defendant. He had no doubt that Pak San became casually acquainted with the plaintiff's wife when she was a *common* woman, and he thought that the $50 paid by the defendant into Court was ample. He therefore gave judgment in favor of the defendant, with costs.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing from Yangchow on the 28th April, says that at Wan-tou, about three miles from the former city, an expectant magistrate, his son, secretary and a woman servant, were all stabbed to death while sleeping in their boat, by which they were travelling to Canton. The murder was not discovered until the next morning; when the boatmen were making preparations to resume their journey, they perceived that the cabin door was ajar. Thinking robbers had entered, they called out to the passengers inside, and, receiving no reply, they entered and found the four bleeding corpses. The man-servant of the dead official was missing. The object of the murder cannot be divined as no property was missing. The magistrate's wife, who was in the room, suffered no molestation: It so happened that the Governor-General of Fukien sailed by the place at eight o'clock in the morning, and he sent for the district magistrate, who arrested the wife, and also succeeded in catching the absconding servant. Both are now confined in different parts of the prison, awaiting trial.

FROM a private letter received from Ichang the *Shanghai Mercury* prints the following extracts:—Rain, rain, nothing but rain, day after day, which has caused the river to rise beyond the experience of the "oldest inhabitant." From 8 a.m. of the 25th to 8 a.m. of the 26th the register showed a rise of 102 inches. On the 25th business was almost at a standstill, even the poor ragged coolie being indisposed to earn his rice. Junk traffic is increasing to a very large extent, and something over 840 vessels of this kind have been chartered for Chunking since the commencement of this trade—May 1891,—one British firm doing about 60 per cent. of those chartered since the Chinese new year. Godown space is in demand, as also are dwelling-houses. The Roman Catholic Mission are living on property belonging to the Chinese Government, but formerly owned by the Upper Yangtsze Steam Navigation Company. Missionaries and several of the Customs staff are living in junks. Claims arising from the riot of last year are, not yet paid, which is very unjust to the sufferers, some of whom have been compelled to borrow money to replace their clothing, &c. The Viceroy refuses (justly) to pay any claims until all are sent in; the delay is caused by an individual supposed to be of the clerical order, but I fail to see where his Christianity comes in, the energetic Consul being rendered powerless by the continued obstinacy of the missionary.

WHEN will wonders cease? Our diminutive contemporary the *Amoy Gazette* has actually blossomed out as a critic of the muddled affairs of the Hongkong share market. In its issue of the 4th inst. the *Gazette* says:—"Things in Hongkong seem blue indeed, and speculators and investors, alike in numbers, scarcely know what the next turn may bring forth. The colony has passed through several very severe crises, but it is undoubted, none so severe as the present. We heard a gentleman say the other day that the times were at their worst; i.e., could not be worse. Are they? we think he must be a very bold man indeed who would say this; there is not a man amongst us who can foretell as to the immediate future of the Hongkong share market. Stocks may have touched a bottom as yet unparalleled, but the question is—have they touched *the* bottom? As we have said above, no one can tell. The excessive gambling in 1888/1889 and the reckless throwing of money into mining and planting companies which turned out myths have caused the loss of 22 million dollars to the colony in one year. The consequence of this has been that many are completely ruined, whilst others are on the verge of it. Mines are at all times risky concerns and are not certainties until proved. Why then does the man with a small amount of capital, "gamble" with his money by placing it where it is unsafe? Some may again say with regard to this, what is safe nowadays? We can only answer, everyone must judge for himself. Whether the Hongkong stock market has touched its bottom or not, is another question, but it must be said that it is doubtful whether a more opportune moment than the present could arise for the man with his own capital to step in and buy, as there are bargains to be picked up now, which it is possible may never crop up again. The advice we give is, let no man buy more than he can safely carry, and above all let no man place his money into too risky concerns. This financial depression has lasted now for three years, but we hope the long-looked for turn of the tide is close at hand."

WE are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the Company's steamer *Saghalien*, with the next French mail, left Singapore for this port at 6 p.m. to-day, and may be expected on or about the 17th inst.

THE *N. C. Daily News* of the 6th inst. reports that a Chinese-owned lorcha, the *Yuantai*, has been lost on the Rugeds. As soon as possible news was forwarded to Shanghai of the accident and the tugboat *Fuhlee* went out to render assistance. She found the wreck and took four fishing boats, laden with kerosene and other cargo, to Ningpo from the wreck, and returned with another lorcha to take the rest of the cargo, but when the *Fuhlee* got back the lorcha had entirely disappeared, and may be adrift.

THE E. and A. Co.'s Australian liner *Catterthun* and her genial skipper, Captain Neil Shannon, are still as popular with the travelling public as ever, as is evidenced by the large number of passengers she invariably carries and the general satisfaction expressed by those who arrived here from the Colonies in the good old ship this morning. On leaving Sydney she was crammed with passengers, and the fact that everyone of them is struck with the seagoing qualities of the vessel and the marked courtesy of the commander and his officers speaks volumes for the efficiency of the E. and A. Co's service. A number of the passengers are going on with the *Catterthun* to spend a portion of their holiday in the picturesque hills and dales of Dai Nippon.

A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LTD.

The following is a full report of the ordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the above Company which was held at the Hongkong Dispensary yesterday afternoon. There were present Mr. John D. Humphreys Chairman Messrs. J. M. F. Machado, H. Humphreys J. Grant, W. W. Sutton, E. K. Chandler, F. Rapp, H. Crawford, E. H. Joseph, S. E. Levy, G. T. Veitch, John A. Jupp, R. Isherwood, S. Kelly, G. Snelling, S. S. Benjamin and A. H. Mancell, Secretary.

The intimation convening the meeting having been read

The Chairman said he would like to know if any gentleman had any question to ask for he would like embody his answer in the remarks which he had to make.

Mr. Crawford asked that a reply might be given to the rumours which were in circulation as to the financial position of the Company, and Mr. Levy asked whether the new issue was required to pay off the liabilities of $81,085 53 as had been rumoured?

The Chairman in reply said—Gentlemen before asking you to confirm the report and statement of accounts which have been presented to you, I will make a few remarks, in the course of which I will refer to the rumours that have been brought to my notice by the shareholders, and concerning which I was informed I would be asked questions at this meeting. A rumour has been in circulation in respect of $86,848.891 set down as due by our customers, which is said to be unduly large for a business like ours. I asked one of our shareholders, Mr. Crawford, as to this, and he was surprised at the smallness of the amount, which represents really about two months' bookings, and ours, it must be remembered, is a credit business. This rumour has been widely circulated by a few persons who are not shareholders in the Company, but as you will see from the report due provision has been made for all bad and doubtful debts, and the correctness of this statement of accounts is vouched for by myself as your General Manager and by the auditor. Yet it has been rumoured in the Colony that this amount of $86,000 odd is mostly made up of bad and doubtful debts. All that I will say of the persons circulating these rumours, knowing them to be false, is that I would rather have their bad word than their good. words The total or gross amount of our "bills of parcels" account is $123,261.01, of which, during a period of many years, $36,412.10 has been written off to the debit of profit and loss absolutely. The full amount, however, as stated, is still shown in our trade ledgers, and our accounts against the people still owing are still kept open for the sake of convenience and to prevent their being supplied with more goods, if after a lapse of two years, they should endeavour to obtain them. The amount which is put in the report is absolutely nett. It may be looked upon practically as cash, for the great bulk of it is collectable within two months from the end of the year. I may say that in point of fact, for the first four months our collections on bills of parcels account are nearly equal to double the amount given as due by customers at the end of the year. I will next refer to the question of the liabilities of the Company. It has been pointed out to me that rumours have been circulating that the Company is largely in debt, and that the increase of capital which was unanimously voted at a meeting of the shareholders about a year ago and confirmed subsequently, and which I then stated to be required for the purpose of increasing the stock of the Company and for the development of new business, that this money has been called up now after the lapse of a year to meet financial difficulties! It is almost unnecessary to go into the question, but I will do so. It stands to reason that your accounts having been audited by a responsible official of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, if such a thing is the case it would be impossible—utterly impossible—for any shareholder to finance the amount of his shares at the Bank. (Applause.) The information would be known to him in detail, and it would be known to him about a fortnight ago. Now, about these liabilities: They are set down here at $181,085 53. That is in round numbers $20,000 more than at the end of the year before. Against this it will be seen that your stock is increased by $35,000, so that in reality your outstanding debt has been practically decreased by $15,000. The amount so far from being a large one—and I believe it is much less at the present moment—(hear, hear) is a very small one if you consider the area which this business covers and a portion of the money is on mortgage which existed in my time, (when the business belonged to me) of $80,000 on the Victoria Exchange. The rest is a merely nominal sum. Every man of business must know that a large going concern must owe money. In London, for instance, accounts not due must be owing, nearly every firm in the city having a weekly pay-day, and they expect statements of the amounts they have to pay presented to them two or three days before handed. Here, in Hongkong, nobody has ever sent in an account on our pay day—the 15th of the month—which, if due, has not been paid. (Hear, hear). The total amount, if you deduct the sum I have just stated, so far from being large is exceedingly small, and a great many of our accounts are paid on fourteen days' credit for the sake of securing cash discount. I think you will consider that the report and statement of accounts are very satisfactory, if not the very best ever submitted to you, when you take into consideration the fall in exchange and the generally depressed state of trade. I propose that the report and statement of accounts which have been presented to you be accepted and confirmed by you.

Mr. Levy seconded, and the motion was unanimously.

The Chairman said the dividend warrants would be ready to-day, and that as the Company had gone on this year its business was considerably in excess of that for the same period of 1891.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

THE "ZAMBESI" CASE.

At the Magistracy to-day before Mr. Hastings, Assistant Police Magistrate, George J. Edwards, master, and J. L. Mattock chief officer of the steamship *Zambesi* were charged with unlawfully assaulting and unlawfully imprisoning Tokochi Yonezo on that vessel on the 4th and 5th Feb. Mr. Hastings (Messrs. Wotton and Deacon) appeared for the prosecution. The Japanese Consul was invited to take a seat on the bench. Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Takochi Yonezo said that he was a barber. About 28th January he and Nakamura Masamichi stowed away on board the *Zambesi* at Kobe. Four days out, the carpenter discovered them and took them on deck to the chief officer. Witness offered him $5, which was all he had in the world. The chief officer said it was not enough, and made them work. They were willing to work. He did not take the $5 from them. Witness did not see the captain at that time. That day was Sunday, so they did not commence work until next day. Then they helped in washing decks and scrubbing brass and iron work in the engine room. They arrived in Hongkong on the 4th or 5th of February. When nearing the port, both men were put in the store-room by the chief officer. They were locked in. He gave them no reason for doing so. They were kept four days in the store-room. They did not try to get out. Witness asked the storekeeper to let them out and he replied that he was very sorry, but he was ordered to keep them locked up, and his wages would be stopped if he let them go away. Two days before the steamer was to leave, they were taken aft and put into a room next the captain's cabin, with handcuffs on their wrists. Witness was secured by his left hand to the other man's right hand. This was done after they were taken to the room aft. The chief officer did it, nobody else being present. It was about 5 p.m. The room was about six feet square, with no light at all. Next morning, about seven o'clock, they were feeling almost suffocated, when the chief officer came and opened the door. They asked to be let out, and he took them down to the store-room again. Witness was freed from his irons on the way down, and then again ironed. At six p.m. the same day the chief officer came to the store-room and ironed their feet, witness' left to the other man's right, besides the irons already on their hands. A Japanese lamp trimmer, Nakayama, was present, and the captain was just outside, and saw all that took place. They were locked in the store-room and left for the night. Shortly after midnight, groping about the store-room, they found an iron pin with which they broke the link connecting their handcuffs, and likewise the leg chains, leaving them free, though the loose "bracelets" were still on them. Then they forced the door open and got away. They climbed through the ports of the 'tween decks and jumped into the water. Each supported himself by a piece of board picked up in the ship, and tried to swim to the nearest steamer. They kept together as long as possible, but at last witness missed his companion. Witness got to another steamer and climbed up the cable chain. The crew on this ship turned him out again, probably taking him for a thief. He swam off to another steamer and called out for help, and was taken on board and well treated. Next morning the Water Police came on board and took him to the station.

At this stage the case was remanded until 10 a.m. to-morrow; bail, in two sureties of $250 each.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Eastern and Australian Co.'s steamship *Catterthun*, Capt. Neil Shannon, arrived from Sydney, *via* ports of call, late last night. We are indebted for the subjoined telegrams to our Australian exchanges:—

LONDON, April 5th.

A fracas is reported to have taken place in the National Sporting Club, London, when Charlie Mitchell, the pugilist, assaulted Mr. Plesse.

A plague of mice in Greece has become so serious that the Government has undertaken to make inquiries with the view of communicating to the mice the bacillus of typhus.

In a paper on inebriety read before the Medical Society of London, Dr. Usher announced the discovery of pathological changes in the blood, and the alteration of appearance of the red and white corpuscles, denoting degeneration. He advocated as a remedy manganate of iron and gold. He intends to interview Dr. Koch and M. Pasteur.

Ravachol, leader of the anarchists in Paris, freely explains to the police the anarchist procedure. He has also communicated a recipe for preparing an explosive three times as powerful as dynamite.

The police have seized a case of dynamite cartridges consigned to Mathieu, Ravachol's lieutenant, who has not yet been arrested.

The death is announced of Robert Bermingham Clements, fourth Earl of Leitrim, aged 45 years.

Dr. Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England, to-day opened at Whitechapel, London, a fine art exhibition, which it is intended to open on Sundays.

The masters intend to lock-out about 15,000 Staffordshire pottery hands.

It is reported that the assassin of Dr. Vulcovitch, the Bulgarian diplomatic agent in Constantinople, has been arrested through the the treachery of an accomplice. The assassin is a man named Merdjan.

Mr. Henry Matthews, Q.C., Home Secretary, stated in the House of Commons to-day that, if diplomatic remonstrance failed to prevent the anarchists expelled from other countries from coming to Great Britain, the Government would ask for increased powers of exclusion.

The domestic servants employed in Hartlepool are forming a union. They demand shorter hours of labour and a weekly half-holiday. They marched through the town to-day, carrying the emblems of their calling.

Mr. J. A. Froude, the historian, has been appointed to succeed the late Professor E. A. Freeman as Regius Professor of Modern History at the University of Oxford.

Mr. Adger, Liberal member of the Canadian House of Commons, proposes to impeach Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia, for corruption. Sir A. P. Caron denies the charge.

Mr. A. G. Blair, Attorney-General and Premier of New Brunswick, offers to submit to a select committee the charges of corruption against himself.

The Admiralty has abandoned its claim that the colonies should contribute half the expenses of the officers of the Australian Auxiliary Squadron when returning to England on furlough.

Mr. H. H. Champion has been chosen as the Radical candidate for Aberdeen, to oppose Professor Bryce, M.P.

A mutiny is reported to have taken place in Baza prison, Granada, Spain. The gendarmes fired on the prisoners, killing one and wounding two. The rest were cowed.

The death is announced of Mr. W. J. Beadel, Conservative member for Mid Essex.

A bill has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island to abolish the Legislative Council and constitute an Assembly of 30 members, half of whom are to be elected by universal suffrage and half by the property franchise.

[In Prince Edward Island, a province of the Dominion of Canada, the present Parliament consists of a Legislative Council of 13 members, who are elected by the people, and a House of Assembly of 30 members. The province has four seats in the Dominion Senate and seven in the House of Commons.—Ed.]

Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, stated in the House of Commons last night that a difficulty of the gravest kind lies in the way of every State pension scheme that has been proposed.

Great Britain and France have renewed the *modus vivendi* between the two nations in connection with the Newfoundland fisheries for the present season.

It is reported that a French expedition to the Niger, under the leadership of M. Menard, has been massacred.

Mr. Dalziel has tabled a motion in the House of Commons for the creation of a labour department.

The Durham coal-miners on strike at Castle Eden have wrecked the house of a colliery official by means of an explosive material.

The Union Bank of Australia has issued a City of Sydney municipal 4 per cent. loan of £250,000.

The minimum is fixed at 99, and tenders are to be received up to the 13th instant.

April 7th.

Her Majesty the Queen has given an audience to several French veterans of the Crimean War.

The Admiralty has declined to reconsider its decision respecting the command of the Queensland gunboat *Gayundah* being assumed for short periods by the officers of the Australian Auxiliary Squadron.

Sir Richard E. Webster, Q.C., Attorney-General, in reply to a question asked in the House of Commons, stated that Deeming would only be brought to England in the event of his acquittal upon the charge laid against him in Melbourne.

Carl Auguste Sampson, known as the "strong man" having been convicted of the theft of diamonds valued at £3,000 the property of Margaret Bernstein, was to-day sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. The Treasury refused Madame Bernstein permission to withdraw the charge.

The Board of Trade returns for the past month show that the imports into the United Kingdom have increased £1,400,000, while the exports have decreased to the value of £2,000,000.

Emin Pasha has made a request to the German Government that it should regard Wadelai, his old station in the Equatorial province, as outside the British sphere of influence in Africa, so that he may be allowed to exert authority in the country.

April 8th.

A 4 per cent. loan of £100,000 has been floated on the London market by the Government of Trinidad. The amount of the loan was subscribed two fold, and the average price was £102 3s. 9.

Advices have been received in Paris from Senegal, to the effect that the position of Colonel Humber's Expedition in French Soudan is desperate, the expedition being neither able to retreat nor to advance.

Major-General Babbage, a prominent shareholder of the Bank of South Australia, recommends the voluntary liquidation of that bank.

The French Chamber of Deputies has voted 3,250,000f. for the representation of France at the Chicago Exhibition.

The Government of the Republic of Uruguay has ceded to that of the United States, upon purchase by the latter, the island of Libertad, near Monte Video, the capital, which the naval authorities of the United States contemplate converting into a coaling station.

A party of Polish Anarchists have murdered Bishop Poninski. The murderers were pursued, and, in endeavouring to make good their escape, two of the criminals were shot by the police. Two others of the Anarchists then committed suicide.

Incendiary fires are taking place in Vienna. They are attributed generally to the work of the Anarchist party.

In the Canadian House of Commons the motion affirming the right of the Dominion to make commercial treaties with foreign Powers was submitted and rejected. The Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Finance in the Canadian Government, opposed the proposition on the ground that it was equivalent to an assertion of independence.

Four directors of the Cambrian Railway Company have been summoned to the bar of the House of Commons, and admonished by the Speaker for a breach of privilege in dismissing a servant in the employ of the company for giving evidence before a Parliamentary committee.

Count von Caprivi, the Chancellor of the German Empire, is visiting Carlsbad for medical treatment. His visit is regarded as an indication of his resignation of the Chancellorship at an early date in consequence of a dispute with Herr von Boetticher, Secretary of State for the Interior.

Sir James Fergusson, Postmaster-General, made reference in the House of Commons last night to the recent rapid passage of the Messageries steamer *Polynesien* from Australia to Marseilles. He said it was very undesirable to sacrifice regularity in the mail service in order to secure an occasional quicker transit. Her Majesty's Government could not undertake to make a change in the existing mail arrangements.

[The *Polynesien* left Sydney on February 26th and arrived at Marseilles on March 29th, making the run in 32 days, inclusive of all stoppages.—Ed.]

April 9th.

The German Government has refused to recognise the claims put forward by Emin Pasha to the effect that it should regard Wadelai, his old station in the Equatorial Province, as outside the British sphere of influence in Africa, so that he might be allowed to exercise authority in the country.

The Democrats, fearing that the Republican success at Rhode Island would involve the capture of the New England States, are likely to revive Bland's Silver Bill in the House of Representatives, with a view of conciliating the farmers of the Western States, and thereby securing the agricultural vote.

The Afghans are boycotting the railway stations in the Khojak district, on the Transcaspian railway.

An epidemic of influenza has begun among the horses employed in London.

Mr. Patrick Egan, United States Minister in Chili, has declined to accept the vacant post of American Minister in Paris, in succession to Mr. Whitelaw Reid, who lately resigned. Mr. Egan has also declined the American Embassy in China.

The coal miners of South Wales and Monmouthshire have submitted to a reduction of 31 per cent. in their wages.

In the House of Commons last night an amendment to the Small Holdings Bill—a measure to facilitate the acquisition of small agricultural holdings in Great Britain—in the direction of giving to the local authorities powers for compulsory purchase, was rejected by a majority of 42 votes.

Major-General Herbert, C.B., the commandant of the Canadian Militia, reports that the organisation of the Militia is deplorable, and that the arms are of an obsolete pattern. The *personnel* of the force, however, is good. The Dominion, he says, is without a single heavy modern gun, and a large portion of the armament provided by England is useless.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has warned the Afghan chiefs against the wiles of Russia, and declares that the safety of the country lies in its friendship with Great Britain.

The Canadian House of Commons has rejected the motion affirming the right of Canada to make commercial treaties with other Powers.

April 11th.

The matters in dispute between the cotton-spinners and masters have been submitted to arbitration with a view to a settlement of the lockout in that trade.

The German section of the Socialist party in Chicago is arranging for a great Socialist demonstration to take place in that city on May Day, and has issued a circular which is decidedly anarchist in tone.

At a meeting of shareholders of the Bank of South Australia it was resolved to confirm the scheme of absorption into the Union Bank of Australia.

LATER.

The meeting of shareholders of the Bank of South Australia was of a stormy character. Messrs. J. W. Arbuthnot, Charles Hirt, and Rigby were elected liquidators. A proposal was submitted to elect a committee of shareholders to assist the liquidators, but the motion was rejected.

Mr. Arbuthnot, replying to questions, said that he thought that it would be the first duty of the liquidators to form an assets company. The Union Bank reserved the right to impose a call upon shareholders of the Bank of South Australia if necessary.

April 12th.

The French Chamber of Deputies has voted 3,000,000 francs for the purpose of carrying on operations in Dahomey, in West Africa.

The Anarchists have set fire to houses in many parts of Austria. One hundred tenements were burned to the ground at Leonfelden. The Anarchists stole a chest of dynamite from a dynamite factory in Lower Austria.

France has agreed to a renewal of the *modus vivendi* with England, in regard to the Newfoundland lobster fisheries.

Tom Mann has been defeated by Mr. Anderson for the secretaryship of the Society of Engineers.

April 13th.

The warrant for the arrest of Deeming applied for by the Public Prosecutor at Widnes in Lancashire, has been granted by the Bench.

Disastrous floods are reported from places in the State of Tennessee (U.S.A.), and great loss of life and destruction of property have been thus caused.

Two bombs have been found in a goods train travelling in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg.

A lighted bomb has been discovered in the School of Architecture, Madrid.

A serious conflict has taken place at Wyoming, in the United States, between a gang of cattle thieves and the police, resulting in the loss of 46 lives.

The police endeavoured to arrest several of the cattle thieves, and in a fight which ensued 28 of the latter were killed. Eighteen police also lost their lives in the encounter.

Her Majesty the Queen, who recently arrived at Hyères, in the South of France, has visited Toulon.

The *Daily News* announces that a general impression prevails amongst members of the House of Commons that there will be a dissolution of Parliament about the end of May or the beginning of June, and that the general elections will take place at the end of June.

A lock-out of 50,000 operatives engaged in the production of cotton and woollen yarns is considered to be inevitable. It is possible that 7000 weavers will also be affected by the lock-out.

Intelligence has reached Paris to the effect that a French expedition in West Africa has been attacked and repulsed by the natives. The natives captured four French officers and 81 native troops attached to the expedition.

Stringent measures are being adopted all over Europe, and also in America, for the suppression of anarchist and labour disturbances on Mayday.

A dynamite bomb was exploded in Valencia, Spain, no damage was done.

The French Court has decided that Gustave Matthieu, who was believed to be the accomplice of Ravachol, the leader of the Paris Anarchists, was innocent of the dynamite explosions in Paris.

From St. Petersburg it is reported that several Russian generals have received orders to join their troops on the German frontier.

La Nacion, the principal daily paper of Buenos Ayres, condemns the growing desire of the people of the Argentine Republic to repudiate their European debts and to depend upon the United States for protection.

The mill-owners in the west of Scotland have given notice to their employés that they intend to reduce wages at the rate of from 10 to 15 per cent.

The Oxford crew, who defeated Cambridge at the University boat-race last Saturday, have received a telegram from the Emperor William of Germany, in which he states that he rejoiced at their victory.

Reports from all parts of Europe show that great activity is being generally displayed by the Anarchists. The police have, however made special arrangements, and are confident of being able to control any outbreak.

Munot, the chief of the Spanish Anarchists, who is under arrest, has confessed that plots are in existence to place explosive bombs in the holy water in churches throughout Spain, it being known that water is an explosive agent.

Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, President of the Board of Trade, has expressed the opinion that the decrease in the exports from Great Britain is due to diminished confidence on the part of British merchants in the financial soundness of certain foreign countries.

De Giers, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, is seriously ill from fever.

Thirty dynamite cartridges have been found in a place on the railway line at Barcelona, in Spain.

A bomb has been found on an elevated railroad in New York, and a gang of anarchists and incendiaries has been discovered in Brooklyn.

The city of Sydney loan of a quarter of a million, has been successfully floated in London.

Lord Carington, in the course of a speech delivered last night, said that it was worth taking a journey to Australia if only to note the absence of class hatreds and religious prejudices there.

April 18th.

A sensational statement has been published to the effect that the Dahomeyans have over £2,000,000 worth of treasure in the Royal Palace which the French are anxious to capture.

The finding of bombs in France and Spain is now of daily occurrence.

Large numbers of natives from the Gilbert Islands are being removed to Guatemala, where they are used as slaves.

Canada is desirous that a Conference should take place between Great Britain and France on the question of the Newfoundland Fisheries.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental & Oriental Co.'s steamship *Gaelic*, Capt. Pearce, with the American mails of April 16th, arrived in harbour this morning. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges:—

LONDON, April 9th.

The British ship *Baroda*, from San Francisco November 22nd for Queenstown has arrived at Crookshaven with the loss of her starboard bulwarks and boats. She was compelled to jettison 100 tons of her cargo on the passage.

The steamer from Persia, laden with cotton, and with 200 passengers on board, before reported, and due at Baku, a port of Russia on the Caspian Sea, is the *Alexander Walkow*. Fears are entertained that she has foundered and that all on board have been lost.

Sir Arthur Sullivan's illness will probably retard for a long time the new comic opera upon which he has been engaged. Some portion of the work has already been finished, but it is not at all improbable that the work may have to be abandoned entirely. The composer's illness is of a more serious nature than has up to the present been indicated.

The British sailing ship *Dundrennan*, Captain Potter, which left Tacoma October 13th for Liverpool, reached Queenstown to-day after a voyage of 188 days, during the latter part of which the crew suffered frightfully from scurvy.

Five of the crew were in a dying condition when the vessel sailed into Queenstown and their situation became known to the authorities. The sickness of the five men threw all the work on the remaining ones who were able to be on duty, and the latter were fast running down when the vessel got into port.

A six days' go-as-you-please roller-skating race, which began on Monday last, was finished this evening amid intense excitement. The contest resulted in a victory for Snowden, the American champion.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The dead and decomposed bodies of the vast number of Chanyang people who fell victims to the brigands who infested that part last winter, now present a most offensive sight. The country round is literally strewn with bones and carcases. To put these unsightly objects out of view, and to prevent the growth of disease germs, General Yih has given orders to the district officials to have the remains removed and buried. The General has also promised to defray the expenses attending this benevolent undertaking.

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A certain capitalist has lately received sanction from the authorities to prospect and develop the copper mines in the Ta'ongwu district, Kuangsi. The mineral wealth of both Kuangtung and Kuangsi is known to be very extensive, but owing to the superstition of the people who believe that the *fungshui* of the land would be spoiled, such undertakings have heretofore been impossible. In this case the authorities are on the side of the merchant and have declared that no evil result will attend the unearthing of the buried treasures.

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It is rumoured that a certain expectant official of Canton has been hacked to death by a number of people who had a grievance against him. The official in question had made himself odious to unfortunate people who came under his rule on more than one occasion, by inordinate "sequeezing" and injustice of all kinds. The official was riding in his chair when he encountered a band of excited men, who demanded his blood to satisfy their long cherished grievance. The party dragged him out of his chair and set to work with a vengeance, hacking him right and left until scores of wounds had been inflicted upon the unjust administrator of the law. The district prefect, on hearing this news, immediately despatched men to the place to arrest the guilty parties, but when the runners reached the place the people resisted them and threatened to serve the district prefect in a similar way. The occurrence has been reported to the high authorities.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

9th May, 1892.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer Reduced to 32° Fahr.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind. Direction	Wind. Force	Weather	Rainfall
Vladivostock	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	29.80	...	...	S	3	...	...
Nagasaki	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	29.78	65	89	NNE	4	0 r	...
Foochow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	29.75	77	88	SE	3	b	...
Aaping	29.78	81	...	WNW	4	0 p	...
Swatow	29.78	84	...	S	2	c	...
Hongkong	29.75	82	71	SSE	1	0 v	...
Victoria Peak	.....	...	...	SSE	3	...	...
Canton	29.75	85	76	E	3	c	...
Macao	29.77	87	69	E	2	c	...
Hoihow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haiphong	30.06	85	49	SE	3	c	...
Bolinao	29.85	89	66	W	3	b	...
Manila	29.78	88	72	SW	1	c	...
Cape St. James	.....	...	...	S	4	b	...

10th May, 1892.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Barometer Reduced to 32° Fahr.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind. Direction	Wind. Force	Weather	Rainfall
Vladivostock	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokyo	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Foochow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	29.75	75	95	W	1	0 r	0.07
Aaping	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hongkong	29.82	74	100	...	0	0 r	2.25
Victoria Peak	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canton	29.86	70	85	NE	1	f	...
Macao	29.82	71	93	NW	1	c	...
Hoihow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haiphong	30.13	70	50	E	3	c	...
Bolinao	29.86	77	72	NW	1	b	...
Manila	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	.....	...	...	SW	4	b	...

Barometer falling. Gradients slight for north-west winds. Weather cloudy, warm and wet. (Issued at 12.00 a.m.)

1—Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. 2—Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fahrenheit. 3—Humidity in consequence of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100. 4—Direction of the wind to two points. 5—Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale. 6—State of the weather, b Hazy, c Clouded, d Drizzling rain, f Fog, g Gloomy, h Hail, l Lightning, o Overcast, p Passing showers, q Squally, r Rain, s Snow, t Thunder, v Visibility, w Dew, wd Wet. 7—Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths. W. DONNER.

Hongkong Observatory, 10th May, 1892.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Falconer & Co.'s Register.)

To-day.

Barometer—9 a.m.	29.84
Barometer—1 p.m.	29.78
Barometer—4 p.m.	29.76
Thermometer—9 a.m.	78
Thermometer—1 p.m.	73
Thermometer—4 p.m.	76
Thermometer—9 a.m. (Wet bulb)	76
Thermometer—1 p.m. (do)	73
Thermometer—4 p.m. (do)	73
Thermometer—Maximum	78
Thermometer—Minimum (near n'ght)	7

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Hongkong, 10th May, 1892. [503

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Hongkong, 10th May, 1892. [504

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

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The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1892. [

NOTICE.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

I HAVE This Day been appointed MANAGER of the Hongkong Branch of the above named Firm.

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Hongkong, 10th May, 1892. [501

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Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

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ST. JOHN LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1892. [491

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1892. [1198

Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS

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The National Bank of China, Ld.—on £5.0.0. paid up,—26½ per cent. dis., sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ld.—Founders, shares, $200 per share, buyers.

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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—$88 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—$61 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 240 per share, ex. div., sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—$99 per share, sellers.

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On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

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China Fire Insurance Company—$82 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—$32½ per share, sales and sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—27 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—$36 per share, buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—$78 per cent. premium, sellers.

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The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—$50 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

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Bank Bills, on demand 2/9⅞
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On India, T. T. 220
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ON SHANGHAI—
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co's steamer *Saghalien*, with the French mail of the 15th ult., left Singapore on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on the 17th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Yokohama, Shanghai and Hongkong on the 27th ultimo.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Shantung* left Singapore on the 30th ultimo, and is due here on the 9th instant.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s new steamer *Ravenna* left Shanghai on the 7th instant, and is due here on the 9th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Brindisi*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 6th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on the 12th.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ningchow*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canalon the 28th ultimo, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 18th instant.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Venetia* left Bombay on the 6th instant, and is due here on the 24th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, 9th May,—Saigon 5th May, General.—Wo Kee.

CATTERTHUN, British steamer, 1,406, Neil Shannon, 9th May,—Sydney 15th April, Moreton Bay 17th, Townsville 20th, Cooktown 21st, Thursday Island 23rd, and Port Darwin 26th, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BAYERN, German steamer, 2,575, H. Engelhart, 10th May,—Bremen 30th March, and Singapore 5th May, Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.

YUENSANG, British steamer, 1,150, Slessar, 10th May,—Canton 10th May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CANTON, British steamer, 1,116, T. Sellar, 10th May,—Canton 10th May. General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHEANG HOCK KIAN, British steamer, 956, H. Dinsdale, 10th May,—Penang, *via* Singapore 3rd May, and Holhow 9th, General.—Bun Hin Chan.

COSMOPOLIT, German steamer, 671, W. T. Schaefer, 10th May—Quinhon 4th May, and Touron 7th, General.—Lee Wing & Co.

GAELIC, British steamer, 4,200, Pearce, 10th May,—San Francisco 16th April, and Yokohama 5th May, Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, H. Hogg, 10th May,—Shanghai, *via* Swatow 6th May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, R. Beltran, 10th May,—Manila 7th May, General.—Brandão & Co.

RAVENNA, British steamer, 1,915, E. Crews, 10th May,—Shanghai 7th May, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

MEEFOO, Chinese steamer, 1,338, W. H. Lunt, 11th May,—Shanghai 4th May, and Swatow 9th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Kriemhild, German steamer, for Yokohama.
Kwangtse, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Canton, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Formosa, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Fresir, Danish steamer, for Holhow.
Chusan, German steamer, for Haiphong.
City of Rio de Janeiro, American steamer, for Yokohama, &c.

DEPARTURES.

May 9, *Archer*, British cruiser, for Hankow.
May 9, *Imperieuse*, British flagship, for Japan.
May 9, *Alacrity*, British despatch-vessel, for Shanghai.
May 9, *Prasto*, German str., for Quinhon.
May 10, *City of Rio de Janeiro*, American str., for Yokohama, &c.
May 10, *Formosa*, British str., for Swatow, &c.
May 10, *Kriemhild*, German str., for Yokohama.
May 10, *Kwangtse*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
May 10, *Sungan*, German str., for Swatow, &c.
May 10, *Holstein*, German steamer, for Saigon.
May 10, *Canton*, British str., for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Catterthun*, str., from Sydney, &c., for Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, child and amah, Mrs. Allardyce, Messrs. H. D. Cohen, C. S. Taylor, A. S. Phelps, H. Pultney, L. Wilkinson, J. Gasser, T. Gittens, G. Thompson, N. McCurdy, N. Telford, D. Norrie, T. Gibbon, 57 Chinese, 2 Cingalese, and 1 Japanese. For Japan.—Mr. and Mrs. Docker, Miss Docker, Mrs. and Miss Cocking, Messrs. H. J. Marling and T. G. Croft.

Per *Cicero*, str., from Saigon.—24 Chinese.

Per *Bayern*, str., from Bremen, &c.—Miss Strobell, Messrs. Krohn, Hart-Buck, A. Bush, C. Günther, Nielsen, and 204 Chinese.

Per *Gaelic*, str., from San Francisco, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Deakin, Mrs. O. Kami, Captain J. W. Lee, Messrs. J. B. Cunningham, J. M. Boyd, 2 Japanese and 135 Chinese.

Per *Cheang Hock Kian*, str., from Penang, &c.—480 Chinese.

Per *Taisang*, str., from Shanghai, &c.—Mrs. Inglis, Misses Inglis (2), Mr. Hardy, and 23 Chinese.

Per *Ravenna*, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong.—Miss J. Sherwood, Messrs. C. E. Bigwood, W. C. H. Watson, Nelson, Thomas Mahon, and 2 Chinese. For London.—Messrs. W. W. Orieur and C. H. Erskine.

DEPARTED.

Per *City of Rio de Janeiro*, str., for Yokohama.—Mrs. Glover, Lieut. M. Yamana Outchi, J. Orkney, 1 European and 1 Chinese. For San Francisco.—Mrs. F. C. Nelson, Mrs. S. E. Carrington, Messrs. B. and P. T. Carrington. For London.—Captain Barker, and Miss Hileyard.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Catterthun* reports that she left Sydney on the 15th ultimo; arrived off Brisbane Bar, Moreton Bay, at 9 a.m. on the 17th; sailed at noon the same day; arrived off Townsville at ¼ a.m. on the 20th, sailed at 2 p.m.; arrived at Cooktown on the 21st, left at 2.15 p.m.; arrived at Thursday Island at 11.30 a.m. on the 23rd, proceeded at 5 p.m., and anchored off Port Darwin at 7 p.m. on the 26th, berthing alongside the Railway jetty next morning. After discharging a large quantity of cargo in which was included the new Lighthouse (in parts) for Point Charles; a start was made for Hongkong on the 30th of April; Manipa Straits were negociated at 4 p.m. on the 2nd May, Banka Passage at midnight on the 4th, Basilan Straits at noon on the 5th, and a departure taken from Cabra Island at 4 a.m. on the 7th, making fast to Company's buoy Hongkong at 6.30 p.m. on the 9th. On leaving Sydney, had a strong southerly gale, and very heavy sea was encountered to Seal Rocks; thence to Thursday Island had light southerly and south-east winds with fine weather, which continued across the Gulf of Carpentaria. From Port Darwin to Hongkong, continued light variable winds and fine weather. On leaving Sydney the ship's passenger accommodation was tested to its utmost having on board no less than 35 saloon passengers, besides sixty in other classes. Amongst the passengers to Port Darwin was the Government Resident, the Hon. Justice Dashwood and family. The *Catterthun* has had a very fine passage throughout and several of the passengers will proceed with the ship to Japan.

The British steamship *Cicero* reports that she left Saigon on the 5th instant. Had fine weather and east-south-east to south-east winds with smooth sea from port to port.

The German mail steamship *Bayern* reports that she left Bremen on the 30th March, and Singapore on the 5th instant. Had light variable winds and calms with light swell from north-east and, on the whole, fine weather.

The British steamship *Gaelic* reports that she left San Francisco on the 16th ultimo, and Yokohama at 4.42 a.m. on the 5th instant. Had light variable winds and fine weather throughout. Arrived here on the 10th at 9.47 a.m. Time 5 days, 6 hours and 47 minutes.

The British steamship *Taisang* reports that she left Shanghai, *via* Swatow, on the 6th inst. From Shanghai to Swatow had light variable airs, calms and dense fog. From Swatow to Pedro Blanco had light south-west winds and clear weather; thence to port had thick fog and heavy rain.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Kudat and Sandakan.—Per *Menmon* to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Bermida* to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Yokohama, Hiogo, and Nagasaki.—Per *General Werder* to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Bayern* to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 5th May,—Pakhoi, and Holhow 4th May, General.—Wieler & Co.

ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Mudie, 9th May,—from Yokohama, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ASE, Danish steamer, 682, Revsbeck, 9th May,—Haiphong 6th May, General.—A. R. Marty.

BENALDER, British steamer, 1,296 C. K McIntosh, R.N.R., 7th May.—Saigon 4th May, Rice and Paddy.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BENLAWERS, British steamer, 1,483, A. Webster 7th May,—Moji 3rd May, Coals.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BOMBAY, British steamer, 2,047, G. Bason, 7th May,—London 17th March, and Singapore 1st May, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,498, F. Susini, 2nd May,—Bombay 25th April, and Singapore 26th, General.—Carlowitz & Co.

CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,463, J. E. Williams, 4th May,—Canton 4th May, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHUSAN, German steamer, 719, W. Wendt, 4th May,—Bangkok 29th April, and Holhow 3rd May, General.—A. R. Marty.

DEVAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, P. H. Loff, 7th May,—Bangkok 1st May, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

ESMERALDA, British steamer, 966, G. A. Tayler, 7th —Manila 4th May, General.—Shewan & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac, —Hongkong Government tender.

FREJR, Danish steamer, 397, C. L. Strand, 9th May,—Holhow 8th May, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 3,026, B. Blanke, 30th April,—Yokohama 22nd April, Hiogo 24th, and Nagasaki 26th, Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.

HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,127, W. Y. Hunter, 7th May,—Swatow 6th May, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 1,125, Schall, 7th May,—Haiphong 5th May, Ballast.—Wieler & Co.

KUTSANG, British str., 1,495, W. Hall Jackson, 8th May,—Calcutta 22nd April, Penang 29th, and Singapore 2nd May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOMBARDY, British steamer, 1,570, Francis Cole, 7th May,—Bombay 1st May, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

M. JEBSON, German steamer, 710, Matheson, 9th May,—Iloilo 4th May, Sugar,—Shewan & Co.

MEMNON, British steamer, 825, W. Branch, 4th May,—Sandakan 24th April, Timber and Rattans.—Butterfield & Swire.

NANSHAN, British steamer, 805, J. Blackburne, 29th April,—Saigon 25th April, Rice and Paddy.—Hop Hing Hong.

NIERSTEIN, German steamer, 731, L. Albert, 8th May,—Saigon 2nd May, Rice.—Melchers & Co.

NORMANIA, British steam-yacht, 287, R. Humphries, 4th April,—from Shimonoseki.—Owner.

PROPONTIS, British steamer, 1,387, W. H. Farrand, 8th May,—Saigon 4th May, Rice. —Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

RIO, German steamer, 1,008, F. P. Ulderup, 8th May,—Saigon 4th May, Paddy and Rice.—Wieler & Co.

SIBRAN, British steamer, 845, E. F. Stovell, 9th May,—Saigon 4th May, Rice.—Kin Tye Loong.

SUNGKIANG, British steamer, 994, C. B. N. Dodd, 5th May,—Manila 5th May, General. —Butterfield & Swire.

TEHERAN, British steamer, 1,681, C. H. J. Tocque, 8th May,—Bombay 20th April, and Singapore 1st May, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

TORRINGTON, British steamer, 1,563, Geo. R. Berwick, 2nd Feb.,—Hamburg, *viâ* Touron 31st January, Coal and General.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.

VELOX, German steamer, 377, H. Johannsen, 4th May,—Holhow 8th May, General.—Wieler & Co.

ZAMBESI, British steamer, 1,650, Edwards, 8th May,—Victoria, B.C., *via* Honolulu 2nd April, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 867, Westergaard, 28th April,—Hamburg, 17th Dec., General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

EDWARD MAY, American bark, 890, Chas. C. M. Cluse, 5th May,—Honolulu 2nd April, Ballast.—Captain.

JOHN MCLEOD, British ship, 1,595, Henderson, 2nd May,—New York 28th Dec., Ballast.—D. Lapraik & Co.

J. WESLEY, German bark, 240, G. Schnieders, 17th March,—Jaluet Marina Islands *via* Yap 3rd Feb., General.—Siemssen & Co.

KRISTINA NILSSON, German brig, 220, C. G. Boysen, 26th April,—Amoy 20th April, Ballast.—Wieler & Co.

OMEGA, British bark, 780, W. Brown, 8th May,—Callao 27th March, General.—Order.

PENSHAW, British bark, 775, Inskay, 7th May, —Saigon 20th April, Coals.—Order.

SEA SWALLOW, British schooner, 332, Maher, 23rd April,—Bangkok 21th March, Timber. —Order.

SELPHIDER, Norwegian schooner, 192, A. Amundsen, 16th April,—Freemantle 10th March, Sandalwood.—Gilman & Co.

WM. H. SMITH, American ship, 1,308, R. B. Brown, 16th March,—New York 10th Oct., Kerosene Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

WM. J. ROTCH, American ship, 1,664, Geo. L. Seay, 28th April,—San Francisco 7th March, Ballast.—Order.

Intimations.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic .....Saturday, 21st May.
Belgic .....Tuesday, 14th June.
Oceanic .....Thursday, 7th July.

THE Steamship
"GAELIC"
will be despatched for San Francisco, *viâ* Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 21st May, at 1 P.M. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

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Detroit, Mich	304.95	302.75
Cleveland, Ohio	306.55	305.00
Toronto, Canada	309.95	307.45
Pittsburg, Penn	310.25	307.00
Niagara Fall, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y.	311.00	308.50
Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md.	317.90	311.75
Montreal, Canada	319.75	313.00
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All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1892. [2

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

China .....Thursday, 2nd June.
City of Peking .....Saturday, 25th June.
City of Rio de Janeiro.....Tuesday, 19th July.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CHINA"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 2nd June, at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
From Hongkong, First-class.

To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O... $225.00
To Liverpool and London 325.00
To Paris and Bremen 345.00
To Havre and Hamburg 335.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES. FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION.	30 day Tickets.	Continuous Trip Tickets.
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.	285.00	
St. Louis, Mo.	292.50	291.50
St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn	292.90	
Chicago, Ill.	297.50	295.00
Milwaukee, Wis	299.50	295.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	302.30	301.50
Columbus, Ohio	304.25	304.20
Detroit, Mich	304.95	302.75
Cleveland, Ohio	306.55	305.00
Toronto, Canada	309.95	307.45
Pittsburg, Penn	310.25	307.00
Niagara Falls, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y.	311.00	308.50
Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md.	317.90	311.75
Montreal, Canada	319.75	313.00
Philadelphia, Penn	319.75	312.50
New York	319.75	315.00
Boston, Mass	321.15	317.00
Portland, Maine	327.25	317.00

All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and the families.

Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:—

4 months $337.50
12 months $393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. from Return Fare. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, viâ Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 1 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1892. [1

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 19th June, 1891. [9

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CONSULTATION FREE.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [89

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE, CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Empress of Japan | Saturday... | May 28th.
Empress of China | Saturday... | June 18th.
Empress of India. | Saturday... | July 9th.

THE R. M. S.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN,"
Lieut. G. A. Lee, R.N., Commander, sailing at Noon, on SATURDAY, the 28th May, 1892, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, *via* SHANGHAI, KOBE INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO	One Way Fares.	Prepaid return.— 4 mos	Prepaid return.— 21 mos.
Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, B.C.	225	338	394
Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash. Portland, Ore., San Francisco			
Banff Calgarry, Alba	255	383	447
Winnipeg, Man	275	413	482
To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Minn	285	428	499
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo	295	443	517
Milwaukee, Wis. Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O.			
Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont.	305	458	534
Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que. New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y.			
Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Pa. Washington, D. C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me.	310	465	543
Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B. Liverpool and London via Liverpool	325	575	650
Paris, via Liverpool and London	345	not issued	not issued
Havre, via Liverpool	335		
Bremen, "	345		
Hamburg, "	335		

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage Fares and Rates to other places, quoted on application.

The Steamers call at Victoria to land and embark passengers.

Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarking at Vancouver.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.

CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, Vancouver, B. C.

Parcels must be sent to the Company's Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

E. HOLLOWAY,
General Agent.
Office, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1892. [3

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1892. [121